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SUBJECT: SOVIET PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE
WESTERN SECTORS

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1. AT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING AUGUST 7 ON SUBECT OF
SOVIET WAREHOUSES (SEPTTEL), SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR
KHOTULEV RENEWED, AS ANTICIPATED, REQUEST FOR ALLIED
APPROVAL FOR OFFICE OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ASSOCIATIONS
TO PURHCASE TWO APARTMENT BUILDINGS WHICH IT PRESENTLY
RENTS IN WESTERN SECTORS (PARA 5, REFTTEL). KHOTULEV
POINTED OUT THAT RENTAL CONTRACT INCLUDED PURCHASE
OPTION CLAUSE; THAT AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED
WITH OWNER ON PRICE; AND THAT PRESENT LEVEL OF RENTS
WAS TOO HIGH FOR SOVIETS TO SUSTAIN OVER LONG PERIOD.

2. U.S. (CHAIRMAN) POLAD RECALLED THAT, DURING NEGOTIATION
OF AGREED MINUTE II, ALLIES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE TO
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ANY MODIFICATION IN AMBASSADORS' LETTER OF 1963 REGARDING

ACQUISTION OF REAL PROPERTY BY SOVIET UNION IN WESTERN SECTORS. THEY HAD INDICATED, FURTHER, THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO GO BEYOND PROPERTY-EXCHANGE CONCESSIONS CONTAINED IN AGREED MINUTE II. CURRENT SOVIET REQUEST AHD BEEN DULY CONSIDERED, BUT ALLIED MISSIONS WERE UNABLE TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL SOVIET PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN WESTERN SECTORS.

3. KHOTULEV RESPONDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT CONSIDER THIS MATTER CLOSED, AND THAT AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV WOULD RAISE IT AGAIN IN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS WITH WESTERN AMBASSADORS. U.S. POLAD POINTED OUT THAT DECISION NOT TO APPROVE PROPERTY PURCHASE HAD BEEN TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN.GEORGE

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